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SUBJECT: ECEVIT STATEMENT RE NATO DECLARATION

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST MAY 19 TO CONVEY ANKARA'S EXPLANATION RE TURKISH PRESS STATEMENTS ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED JOINT NATO DECLARATION (REFTEL). ESENBEL EXPLAINED THAT CAREFUL INVESTIGATION BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES REVEALED THAT ECEVIT DID NOT DISCLOSE ANYTHING ABOUT AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN LONDON. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, SOMEHOW THE SECRET

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PRESS OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM SOME OTHER SOURCE. ON MAY 16 WHEN ECEVIT WAS QUERIED BY PRESS WHETHER SUCH AN EXCHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE, HE FELT HE COULD NOT DENY IT. ESENBEL ADDED THAT INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LEARN THE SOURCE OF THE PRESS LEAK ON THIS EXCHANGE OF PRIVILEGED CORRESPONDENCE. VEST EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS EXPLANATION AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM OTHERS. VANCE

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